

PARALLELISM

Parallelism

- Parallelism in grammar is defined as two or more phrases or clauses in a sentence that have the same grammatical structure.

The “How”

- - Parallelism rule requires you to rewrite the sentence for each element that should be parallel.
- - Gerunds, infinitives, clauses or phrases which are connected together with correlative conjunctions should be parallel.

The “Why”

- A sentence with parallel construction makes your writing effective, classy, and certain to impress anyone who reads your stuff

Examples

- He was not only an **honors student** but also a **scholarship recipient**.

Noun phrase / noun phrase

Examples

- Both **gaining work experience** and **earning academic credit** are important benefits of an internship.

Gerund / gerund

Exercise 1

- As young recruits, we were told not only what to do but also what they will think.

Answer 1

- As young recruits, we were told **not only** what to do **but also** what to think.

Correlative conjunction starts from (not only)

Comes after infinitive

Rest of the sentence connected with correlative conjunctions will be infinitive

Exercise 2

- Bob is not only loyal to friends but also

_____.

- a) he is friendly to strangers
- b) to be friendly to strangers
- c) friendly to strangers
- d) was friendly to strangers

Answer 2

Pattern: adj / preposition / noun

- Bob is not only **loyal to friends** but also

- _____.

- a) he is friendly to strangers

Pattern: pronoun / aux / adj / prep / noun

- b) to be friendly to strangers

Pattern: to / aux / adj / prep / noun

- c) friendly to strangers

Pattern: adj / preposition / noun

- d) was friendly to strangers

Pattern: aux / adj / prep / noun